Letters to the Editor

Many helped Lenawee Live

To the Editor,

I wanted to sincerely thank all the parents, teachers and children of Lenawee County who helped make Lenawee Kids Live Event a smashing success. The generous support and hospitality of the Bank of Lenawee is really a tribute to the wonderful neighbors they are to our community. The entire staff at the bank showed genuine passion for the kids and arts. The leadership of Bank of Lenawee, President and CEO Rick DeVries and his staff worked for more than six months to put this event together. Because of their hard work every school in Lenawee County, grades K-12, were represented. This shows how supportive our parents, teachers and administrators are in fostering a sense of worthiness in support of the arts.

I would also like to thank many other event supporters including Nicolas and Reyes Arreola, owners of Dos Hermanos Market in Adrian. Dos Hermanos provided the delicious sweet goods and tasty treats for everyone that evening. I'd like to recognize Vision Performance Group and Technologies for their sound and video contribution. Pat Hayes and WLEN did a wonderful job as M.C. for the evening and deserves a round of applause. The Adrian Hispanic Folkloric Dancers did a wonderful job showing another form of art with their dance. McKinley Treble Makers third- and fourth-grade choir was the delight of the show! The McKinley students are led by Laurie Cunningham, who has given 25 years of service to Adrian schools. Laura Langley is in her fifth year instructing the Madison Middle School choir, and they were especially noteworthy. Nicole Fischhoff, a fifth grader at Lenawee Christian School, volunteered to play a beautiful piece on the piano. Tecumseh Strings Orchestra gave an outstanding performance, The Daily Telegram sent two reporters to cover the event. We are especially grateful to them.

Also, Adrian Meijer store managers who attended and helped host the event should be commended for their support of our children and the arts. I am sure I have left out some people and hope I will be forgiven. It is certainly not my intent to leave anyone out.

Finally I want to especially recognize three individuals we should all be proud to have in our community. Frankly, we are lucky to have them. They are Sally Mendez, marketing coordinator for Bank of Lenawee. Without her tireless planning, long hours and hard work putting this together it simply would not have been possible. Jean Lash, Coordinator of Art Education at Adrian College, showed her true passion for our community children by judging this event. This is a daunting task and she should be commended for her willingness and enthusiasm. And finally, Jan Hass, Director of Community Relations at Adrian Meijer, who worked closely with Sally to collect prizes and put this show together. This show is yet another example of the wonderful community that is Lenawee County. Thank you all for your support of Lenawee Kids Live.

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Store Director, Adrian Meijer

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